

REMARKS

Claims 5-42 are pending in the application. Claims 5-42 are subject to restriction or election. Claims 24-42 are canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 7-10 and 12-14 are withdrawn. No new material is added by the amendments herein.

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Election/Restrictions

During a telephone conference with Examiner Ho on August 31, 2004 Applicants made a provisional election without traverse to prosecute invention I, claims 5-23.

Applicants hereby affirm election of claims 5-23 without traverse, and withdraw claims
10 24-42 from consideration without prejudice.

In response to the further restriction of patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, Applicants elect Species 1 without traverse. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 6, 11, and 15-23 read on Species 1. Therefore Applicants elect claims 5, 6, 11, and 15-23 without traverse, and withdraw claims 7-10 and 12-14 from consideration
15 without prejudice.

Conclusion

If in the opinion of Examiner Ho a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, or if there are any issues that remain to be resolved prior to allowance of the claims, Examiner Ho is encouraged to call Rick Gregory at
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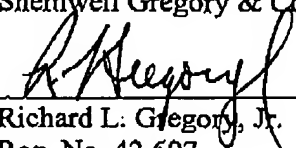
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